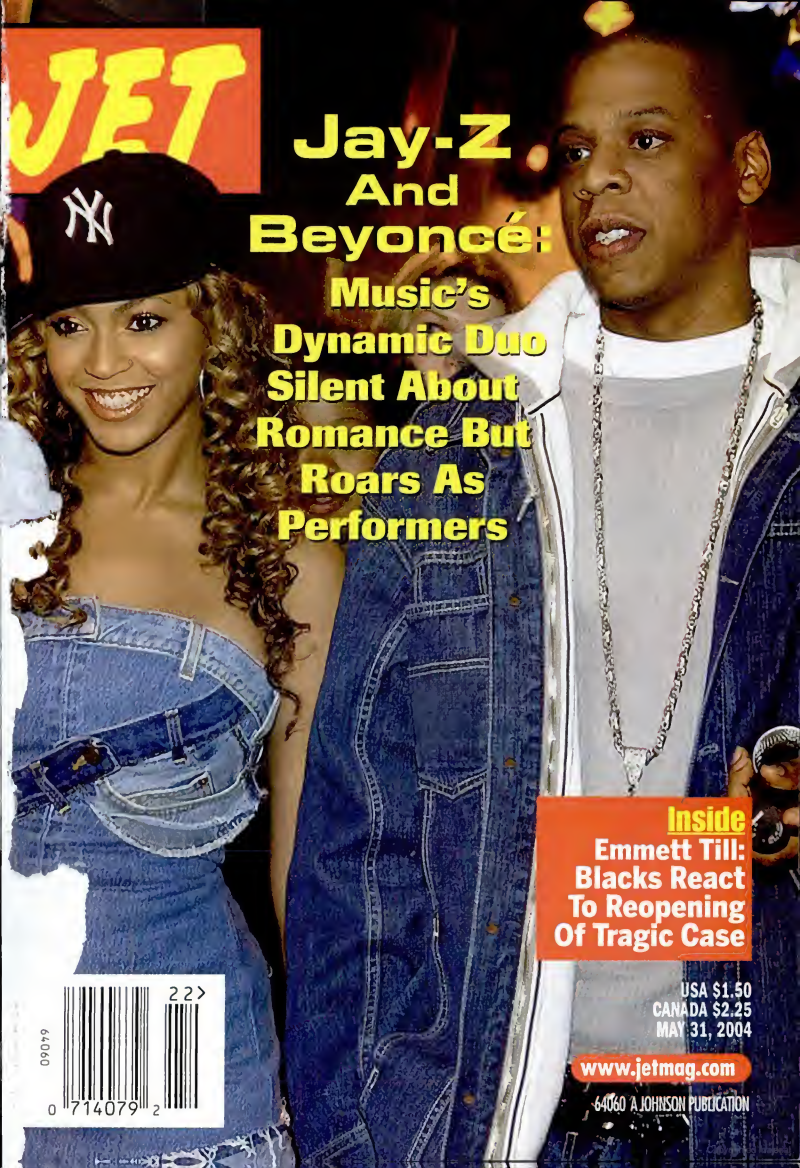

JET
Jay-Z And Beyoncé: Music's Dynamic Duo Silent About Romance But Roars As Performers
Inside
Emmett Till: Blacks React To Reopening Of Tragic Case
USA $1.50
CANADA $2.25
MAY 31, 2004
www.jetmag.com
64060 A JOHNSON PUBLICATION
0 714079 2
09049

©2004 RJRTC

SALEM

2004 STIR THE SENSES TOUR SERIES

PRESENTS

3 DIFFERENT TOURS • 3 UNIQUE SENSATIONS

VIBE
JUNE 04



Doug E. Fresh
Biz Markie
Slick Rick



FLOW
AUG 04



Musiq

Album In Stores Now
"SOULSTAR"



GROOVE
OCT 04



Beenie Man

New album "BACK 2 BASICS"
in stores July 13th



BALTIMORE • PHILADELPHIA • PITTSBURGH • CLEVELAND • COLUMBUS
CHICAGO • MILWAUKEE • DETROIT • INDIANAPOLIS • ST. LOUIS
MEMPHIS • HOUSTON • MIAMI • ATLANTA

for details call: 1.877.315.6218 or log on to WWW.SALEMACCESS.COM

complex magazine AZZURÉ EFFEN VODKA PRO DJ

Calls and website restricted to smokers 21+. Events restricted to people 21+. Event locations and details subject to change.

BLACK LABEL FULL FLAVOR 17 mg. "tar", 1.2 mg. nicotine av. per cigarette by FTC method. For more product information, visit www.rjrt.com.

SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Cigarette Smoke Contains Carbon Monoxide.

PUBLISHER AND CHAIRMAN
JOHN H. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
LINDA JOHNSON RICE
SECRETARY-TREASURER AND DIRECTOR OF EBONY FASHION FAIR
EUNICE W. JOHNSON

JET

Associate Publisher and Executive Editor Emeritus
Robert E. Johnson
Senior Editor *Sylvia P. Flanagan*
Managing Editor *Malcolm R. West*
Features Editor *Clarence Waldron*
Associate Editors
Scotty Ballard
Margena A. Christian
Nicole Walker
Assistant Editors
Melody K. Hoffman
Marti Yarbrough
Copy Editor *Phyllis Y. Runyon*
Staff Photographers
Vandell Cobb
James Mitchell
Tyrone Rasheed
Fred Watkins
Art Directors
Ingrid R. Larkin
Lewis E. Lee Jr.
Raymond A.Thomas
Graphic Artist *Candace M. Lewis*
Webmaster *Anji Brown*
Systems Administrator/Art Director *Cathy Reedy*
Scanner Operators
Lloyd V. Redwing
Laurnetta A. Martin
WASHINGTON
Bureau Chief *Simeon Booker*
WEST COAST
Bureau Chief *Aldore D. Collier*
Librarian *Pamela Cash Menzies*
Photo Librarian *Basil Phillips*
ADVERTISING
Vice President, *Western Advertising Director*
Barbara E. Rudd
Eastern Advertising Manager *Allison Tellis*
Associate Midwest Advertising Manager
Nijole S. Yutkowitz
Research Director *Aiesha Powell*
Vice President, Director of Advertising Production
Tammy E. Rollé
CIRCULATION
Director of Circulation *Kenneth C. Brooks*

Senior Vice-President and General Counsel
June Acie Rhinehart
Senior Corporate Caunsel
Lisa M. Butler
Vice-Presidents
J. Lance Clarke
Lydia Davis Eady
LaDoris Foster
Treka Owens

PRINTED IN THE U.S.A.

http://www.jetmag.com

JET www.jetmag.com | Advertiser Internet Directory

Blockbuster
www.blockbuster.com

Chevy Tahoe
www.chevrolet.com

Ford Focus
www.ford.com

Gillette MACH 3 Turbo
www.MACH3.com

Nationwide Insurance
www.nationwide.com

Office Of National Drug Control Policy
www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov

U.S. Army
www.goarmy.com

VISIT
Jet Magazine Online!
www.jetmag.com

JET
A JOHNSON PUBLICATION

CONTENTS

MAY 31, 2004 VOL. 105, NO. 22

BLACK HISTORY.....19
CELEBRITIES.....64
CENSUS.....15
COVER STORY.....54
EDUCATION.....20
ENTERTAINMENT.....52
GROOMING.....22
JET BEAUTY OF THE WEEK....43
JET'S TOP 20 ALBUMS.....63
JET'S TOP 20 SINGLES.....65
LAW & JUSTICE.....46
LIFESTYLES.....14
MEDICINE.....14
MUSIC.....18



▲ Black leaders comment on the recent re-opening of the **EMMETT TILL** (shown with his mother, **MAMIE TILL-MOBLEY**) murder case. Federal authorities are re-investigating the tragic slaying after nearly 50 years **ON PAGE 6.**

Cover photo by
Kevin Mazur

NATIONAL REPORT.....6
NEWSMAKERS.....32
PARENTING.....24
SOCIETY WORLD.....28
SPORTS.....50
TELEVISION.....66
THE WEEK'S BEST PHOTOS..41
TICKER TAPE.....11

MOVING SOON? The Audit Bureau

Please let us know before you go. Send the present address label from your copy of the magazine, along with your new address, to:
JET, P.O. BOX 56212, Boulder, CO. 80321-6212

JET (ISSN 0021-5996) is published weekly except combined issue in December. U.S.A. one year **$38.00;** Canada, Pan America $44.00; foreign $48.00 by Johnson Publishing Company, Inc., 820 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605. Payable in U.S. currency only. Periodicals postage paid at Chicago, Illinois and at additional mailing offices. Postmaster: Send address changes to JET, PO Box 56212 Boulder, CO. 80321-6212

Offices at Rockefeller Center, 1270 Avenue of The Americas, New York, N.Y. 10020, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, 6500 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048.

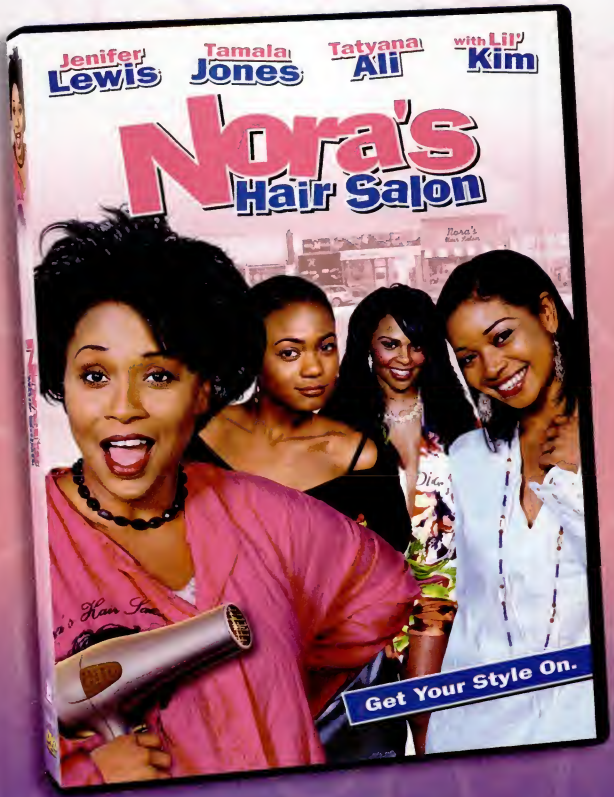
We cannot be responsible for unsolicited material. Member, Audit Bureau of Circulations.

Canadian GST No. R 124 411380
Return Undeliverable Canadian Address To P.O. Box 503, RPO West Beaver Creek, Richmond Hill ON L4B 4R6

Publications Mail Agreement No. 40048950

© 2004 Johnson Publishing Company, Inc.
ALL RIGHTS RESERVED

Designed With You In Mind!



Rent or Own It May 25!

R
SOME LANGUAGE AND SEXUAL REFERENCES

DEJ PRODUCTIONS name and design are trademarks of DEJ Productions Inc.
Artwork & Design © 2004 DEJ Productions Inc. All rights reserved.

DEJ PRODUCTIONS

Emmett Till: Blacks React To Reopening Of Tragic Case



◀ *NAACP President Kweisi Mfume says he is pleased that the case has been reopened, but sad that it has taken nearly 50 years.*



◀ *Rev. Jesse Jackson notes the impact of Till's death on the Civil Rights Movement. "Emmett Till's death changed the hearts and minds of millions. It was the wake-up call."*



◀ *U.S. Rep. Bobby L. Rush spearheaded the campaign in Congress to reopen the Emmett Till murder case.*

Black leaders and activists are calling the Justice Department's decision to reopen the 1955 Emmett Till murder case a bittersweet victory for civil rights.

While they are certainly pleased that the U.S. Justice Department has reopened the investigation in the Till murder case, several Black leaders are saddened that it has taken nearly 50 years.

NAACP President Kweisi Mfume said: "Clearly for those of us who over the years have remained convinced that this murder should be revisited, this is a day of mixed emotions. I am glad the case is being reopened, but it is sad that it has taken so long."

The Department of Justice, along with the Mississippi District Attorney's Office for the 4th District recently announced the opening on the investigation of Till, a 14-year-old Black Chicago resident who was kidnapped and murdered in August 1955 while he visited family in Money, MS.

The Department will join local law enforcement officials to investigate whether any prosecutions remain possible under state law (JET, May 24).

"We owe it to Emmett Till, and we owe it to ourselves to see whether after all these years, some additional measure of justice remains possible," said R. Alexander Acosta, assistant attorney general for the Civil Rights Division.

Till was kidnapped and murdered on or about August 28, 1955, by two White men, Roy Bryant and his half-brother, J.W. Milam, after Till allegedly whistled at Bryant's



► *Emmett Till is shown with his mother, Mrs. Mamie Till-Mobley, in family photo taken before he left his Chicago home to visit relatives in Mississippi.*

wife, Carolyn, while shopping at the Bryants' store. An all-White and all-male jury acquitted the two men of the murder. The two men later admitted to the killing in a 1956 Look magazine article and told how they murdered Till. They couldn't be prosecuted again because of the legal bar against double jeopardy.

Milam died in 1980 and Bryant in 1990. No one else was ever indicted or prosecuted for involvement with the kidnapping or murder.

After Till's brutal murder, his mother, Mamie Till-Mobley, insisted that her son's brutally mutilated body be shown in an open coffin during the public viewing and funeral in Chicago. "Let the world see what I have seen," she said at the time. Photos of the battered body ran in JET Magazine, shocking the country and the world about the horror of racism in America (JET, Sept. 15, 1955). The Till case became a fiery spark for the Civil Rights Movement.

Till's mother, Mamie Till-Mobley died last year at age 81 (JET, Jan. 27, 2003). She spent her entire life laboring to win her



▲ *Emmett Till's mutilated body was displayed in an open casket upon his mother's insistence that the world witness the horror of her son's lynching. "Let the world see what I have seen," she said of her decision to have Emmett in an open casket. "Let the people see what they did to my boy."*



◄ *Coretta Scott King applauds the Justice Department's decision to reopen the Till case.*



► *U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel was also instrumental in getting the 1955 murder case reopened.*



◄ *National Urban League President and CEO Marc Morial is pleased with the Justice Department's decision to reopen the case.*



► *TV and radio personality Tavis Smiley says, "I think that the time is always ripe to do right."*

son justice.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson told JET: "Emmett Till's death changed the hearts and minds of millions. It was the wake-up call."

Jackson added, "Those who killed Emmett Till lived out their full lives. Justice this delayed is justice denied. Fifty years later is an injustice. But it is a good thing that it is reopened to remind us of the horror of state-fostered terrorism. This is a museum view of terror–it is not an incentive to end terror."

U.S. Rep. Bobby L. Rush (D-IL) spearheaded the campaign to get Congress to reopen the case. Rush's Congressional resolution asking the Department of Justice to investigate the murder of Till was immediately co-sponsored by the entire Congressional Black Caucus.

"The search for truth on the Till murder will now become a reality. The facts of Till's murder are beyond dispute. It sparked the modern-day Civil Rights Movement. We now know there are other witnesses and co-conspirators to Till's murder."

Rush added, "It is never too late for justice. It is time to set the record straight. It is time for an official public account of this case. Emmett Till deserves no less."

When she heard of the Justice Department's decision, Coretta Scott King issued a statement: "I wholeheartedly applaud the long overdue but welcome decision of the U.S. Justice Department to reopen the investigation of the murder of Emmett Till. For too long this unresolved matter has been a festering sore on our nation's soul."

Mrs. King continued: "I regret only that Mrs. Mamie Till Mobley did not live to see



► *Emmett was at this store operated by Roy Bryant (l), when he allegedly whistled at Bryant's wife, Carolyn.*



◄ *The 14-year-old Till was kidnapped at 2 o'clock in the morning from his uncle Moses Wright's house in Mississippi where he was vacationing.*

► *Three days after he was kidnapped, Till's savagely beaten nude body, weighted with a near 100-pound iron gin fan around his neck, was found in the Tallahatchie River. He had been shot above his right ear and the left side of his face had been crushed to the bone. Till's corpse was found floating feet-up in the current. The boat, in which the body was brought to shore, sits on the bank.*



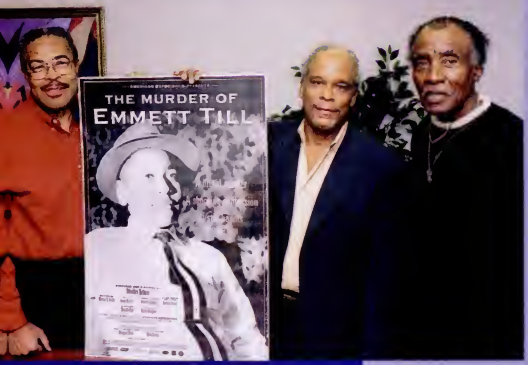
This One
5DN1-P6X-YAQ5



◀ *Documentary filmmaker Keith A. Beauchamp of* The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till *found evidence after he examined the case for nine years. He told the Justice Department as many as seven additional people may have been involved.*

this day. Her unwavering determination to insure that her son's martyrdom would be used to help end racist brutality and racial injustice has saved many lives. Because of her efforts, the name of Emmett Till became a rallying cry for advocates of racial justice throughout the nation and around the world. Resolution of this case and accountability for those responsible for the murder of Emmett Till will move America one step closer to fulfilling our noblest ideals of justice."

U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY) and New York Senator Chuck Schumer were instrumental in getting the case reopened by issuing a joint appeal to Attorney General John Ashcroft to investigate the case.



▲ *Documentary filmmaker Stanley Nelson (2nd r) producer of the PBS-TV award-winning documentary,* The Murder of Emmett Till, *is joined at a screening by Till's cousin, Elder Wheeler Parker (l), and Willie Reed, one of the witnesses in the Till case.*

"I am extremely pleased that the family of Emmett has another chance at seeing justice done after all the pain and suffering inflicted on them and their son," Rangel said. "While nothing can bring him back, the family and all Americans can have the satisfaction of knowing what had been a mockery of justice might now be rectified.... There are few crimes that have horrified the nation in the way that Emmett Till's murder did...And now, almost 50 years later, we have a chance to have justice done for Emmett Till."

The Justice Department's decision to investigate the Till case was prompted by two documentary films about the case and other new information which indicates the

Continued on page 60

TICKER TAPE

by Simeon Booker, *Washington Bureau Chief*

Confidential: While pursuing a quality education appeal case before the U.S. Supreme Court concerning Mississippi's Black colleges, lawyer **Alvin Chambliss, Jr.** enjoyed a victory of another sort–both his son, **Alvin III**, and daughter-in-law, **Miriam**, graduated from Texas Southern University. He earned a degree in biology while his wife earned a law degree and ranked fourth in her 150-member class...Wisconsin state Sen. **Gwen Moore** has a chance at becoming the first Black congresswoman from the Badger State during the upcoming elections this fall. She is vying for a seat representing a Milwaukee district with a third racial vote...One term as a U.S. congressman was enough for North Carolina Congressman **Frank Balance**, who announced a few days before the filing deadline that he would not seek reelection to his congressional seat...Serving as chairman of the Republican Party's leading political action group, GOPAC, is former Rep. **J.C. Watts**, who now operates his own lobbying firm. The party's deputy chairman is **Angela Sailor**...New diplomatic nominations–**Joyce A. Barr** as ambassador to Namibia and **June Carter Perry** as envoy to Lesotho...Among the nation's most unpublicized talented Black female VIPs–**Cheryl R. Cooper**, who currently serves as the executive director of the National Council of Negro Women...Miami Florida's new federal courthouse will be named for the late Judge **Wilkie Ferguson**...Texas Rep. **Eddie Bernice Johnson** received a honorary degree from Paul Quinn College for lifetime achievements.

National Headliners

Florida Broadcaster **Trina Robinson** is one of the nation's few triple-threat superstars. For Miami's NBC Channel, she anchors, reports on big stories and as a certified meteorologist, delivers the weather reports. She is the wife of lawyer **Clarence McKee**...**Broderick Johnson** was named the Kerry presidential campaign's senior advisor for congressional affairs...Polls give Illinois state senator **Barack Obama** a commanding 18-point lead over investment banker **Jack Ryan** in the fall U.S. Senate race....California Rep. **Barbara Lee** gave the annual **Andrew Young** lecture at the Nigerian Embassy in Washington. The subject was the worldwide campaign against AIDS.



Alvin Chambliss, Jr.



J. C. Watts



◀ *Former San Antonio Spurs basketball player David Robinson stands with first lady Laura Bush (l), and Alma Powell, wife of Secretary of State Colin Powell, at a White House dinner honoring the first recipients of the National Promise of America Awards in Washington, D.C.*

Ex-NBA Star David Robinson, Other Philanthropists, Honored At 1st Promise Of America Awards

First lady Laura Bush and Alma Powell, wife of Secretary of State Colin Powell, recently lauded several people including former San Antonio Spurs basketball star David Robinson, at a White House dinner honoring the first recipients of the National Promise of America Awards in Washington, D.C.

"Thank you for helping America's children realize their potential and their promise," said Mrs. Bush as she presented a medal to Robinson, who with his wife, Valerie, have donated $9 million to create the Carver Academy in San Antonio, a private school for needy children.

Also honored for their efforts to improve the lives of children were Jewan Garner, of New York City, who coordinates an AmeriCorps program that mentors elementary students in Harlem; Hal Johnson Sr., a Dallas pastor who sponsors outreach ministries and tutoring programs for children; Edward B. Rust Jr., of Bloomington, IL, chairman and CEO of State Farm Insurance Companies, for his role in developing partnerships to advance the teaching profession, prevent domestic violence and promote child passenger safety; Washington Redskins coach Joe Gibbs, for helping hundreds of at-risk youths lead healthy, productive lives and Leatrice "Chick" Big Crow, of Pine Ridge, SD, founder of the first charter member Boys and Girls Club on Native American land.

Founded in 1997, the non-profit group America's Promise supports a variety of children's causes and has more than 400 partners, including corporations, foundations, youth organizations and government agencies.

INTRODUCING THE ALL-NEW 2005 FORD FOCUS ST

IS THAT YOUR HEART THUMPING OR THE NEW SOUND SYSTEM?

ACTUALLY, IT'S BOTH. The all-new Focus ST's performance-tuned suspension gets the adrenaline pumping while the optional Audiophile System with Sound Designed by Sony takes your CDs and MP3s to the next level. But wait, it gets better. The 2005 Ford Focus comes with 100,000-mile/5-year Powertrain Coverage.* So although your heart will be racing with excitement, your mind can rest assured.



Ford FOCUS

www.fordvehicles.com

*100,000-mile/5-year Powertrain Extended Service Plan. 100,000-mile/5-year Powertrain limited warranty in Florida. A deductible applies. See Dealer for details. ©2004 Ford Motor Company

Copyrighted material



► **Heartfelt Gift:** Heart patient Cynthia Hill of Lawton, OK, and Dr. Karl Nelson, clinical director of the Artificial Heart Program at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, show the difference in size between a traditional 3-pound heart pump, held by Nelson, and the smaller HeartMate II pump, held by Hill, who is a recipient of the cutting-edge device. The HeartMate II, which is more than two times smaller than its predecessors, weighs about 12 ounces and is about the size of a "D" battery. Hill, a 43-year-old mother of four who had battled heart troubles for more than a decade, suffered heart failure around Christmas last year. She received the new pump in January and was recently released from the hospital to a nearby home where she can care for herself. "Everything is good now," Hill said. "My body is in good shape." Hill is the second patient to undergo the trial procedure, meant to serve as a bridge until a patient can receive a human heart transplant.



◄ **100 Years Young:** Mrs. Lessie Mae Roberts, born April 11, 1904, in Oklahoma City, OK, recently observed her 100th birthday celebration with family and friends at the Halsted Terrace Nursing Center in Chicago. The Inspiration Choir of Saint John Church-Baptist sang several selections for the celebration. Mrs. Roberts, widow of LeRoy Roberts, was an active member of the choir for over 50 years and also served as their recording secretary until health problems prevented her from participating.

Virginia Capers, 78, Tony Award Winner, Succumbs In L.A.

Virginia Capers, 78, the singer-actress who won a Tony Award for her role in the Broadway musical *Raisin*, recently died in Los Angeles.

Her son Glenn Capers told the Los Angeles Times that she had been hospitalized with pneumonia.

She was a veteran actress when cast as Lena Younger in *Raisin* in 1973 in the musical version of Lorraine Hansberry's play *A Raisin in the Sun*. But so stellar was her role that she captivated critics and won the coveted Tony Award the following spring.

The Sumter, SC, native also appeared in Broadway productions of *Jamaica* and *Saratoga*. On the big screen, she was in *Lady Sings the Blues* and *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*. Her television credits include being a series regular in the critically acclaimed "Frank's Place" in 1987 and 1988. She had guest roles on "Marcus Welby, M.D.," "Murder, She Wrote" and "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," and received an Emmy Award nomination for her appearance in a 1973 episode of "Mannix."

In 1980, she told a theater panel that her acting came as a surprise since she was trained to be a singer. She told the Times that she found her first agent by singing for him. "He wouldn't audition me because he didn't have a piano," she said. "To show him, I sang *Can't Help Loving That Man* in the hall outside his office. I gathered an audience."





▲ *Virginia Capers won a Tony for the Broadway musical* Raisin *in 1974.*
► *She was a cast member of the former TV series "Frank's Place" in 1987-'88.*

That led to working with band leader Abe Lyman who hired her for radio work where she learned and performed in Yiddish for Lyman's Jewish audience.

Capers attended Howard University and studied voice at the Juilliard School in New York.

She told the Times that she refused to be pigeonholed: "I spent a lot of my life being told I should sing blues because I was Black." But she remained undeterred.

Later, in Los Angeles she founded the Lafayette Players, a Black repertory theater company.

In addition to her son, she is survived by her brother, James H. Capers.

Edmund Sylvers, 47, Of 'The Sylvers' Dies Of Cancer



Edmund Sylvers

Edmund Sylvers, lead singer of the hit-making recording family the Sylvers who topped the charts in the 1970s with such songs as *Boogie Fever*, recently died of lung cancer. He was 47.

The Associated Press reported that Sylvers died in a hospital in Richmond, VA, after a 10-month illness.

Born in Memphis and raised in Los Angeles, Edmund Sylvers was 15 when he began his singing career with six of his family members in 1972. The group churned out such songs as *Fool's Paradise, Cotton Candy, That's What Love Is Made Of, Wish That I Could Talk to You* and *High School Dance.*

Eventually, the group's number grew to nine. The Sylvers were occasionally compared to the singing Jackson family.

Edmund went solo in 1980 with the album *Have You Heard,* which produced the single *That Burning Love.* He recorded another album in the mid-1980s, but it was never released.

Sylvers is survived by 11 children, both his parents and eight brothers and sisters. A younger brother, Christopher, died in 1985 at age 17.

John Whitehead, 55, Singer-Songwriter, Murdered

John Whitehead, a prominent R&B artist best known for the 1979 hit *Ain't No Stopping Us Now*, was shot dead in Philadelphia, police said.

Whitehead, 55, and another man were working on a vehicle when they were shot by two gunmen, police said. The assailants fled.

Whitehead was shot in the neck and collapsed. The other man, Ohmed Johnson, who was shot in the buttocks, was listed in good condition at JET press time, a hospital spokesperson said.

Police said the gunmen fired a series of bullets; a young neighborhood girl said she heard about a dozen shots.

"Why did they do this to my dad?" Dawn Whitehead, 33, asked at the scene. "I just talked to him yesterday....He was a fun person. Who would want to kill him?"

Police had no immediate suspects or motive.

Whitehead teamed up with Gene McFadden in the singing duo McFadden & Whitehead and scored big with the hit *Ain't No Stopping Us Now*, which went to No. 1 on the R&B charts and reached No. 13 on the pop charts.

The duo also wrote several hit songs performed by other popular groups in the 1970s including Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes' *Wake Up Everybody, Bad Luck* and *Where Are All My Friends* and the O'Jays' *Back Stabbers* and *For the Love Of Money.*

Rex Middleton, Jazz Musician, Dies At 78



Rex Middleton

Rex Middleton, 78, a jazz pianist-vocal arranger-singer, died of lung cancer at his home in Vancouver, WA.

Middleton, who lived briefly in St. Louis, formed his own group, Rex Middleton's Hi-Fi's, in 1955. The group had the chance to open for the legendary Dinah Washington. She liked the group and took them to perform with her at the Apollo Theater in 1956.

Born in Cleveland, the self-taught musician came from a musical family and began singing with his dad's spiritual group.

He was introduced to members of a group called the Intervals in 1962 in L.A. They were Lamonte McLemore, Marilyn McCoo, Harry Elston, Larry Summers and Fritz Baskett.

They toured with Ray Charles, who signed them to a tenure contract. The group continued to tour and perform, doing its closing performance at Carnegie Hall.

The group disbanded in 1965. McLemore and McCoo formed a group with Ron Townsend, Billy Davis Jr. and Florence LaRue–the legendary Fifth Dimension. Elston formed the soul group Friends of Distinction.

From 1951 to 1963, he led and arranged for jazz and pop vocal groups.

Survivors are two daughters, two sons, five grandchildren and an aunt.

Dorothy Van Engle, Early Black Film Star, Dies

Dorothy Van Engle, who starred in films made by pioneer Black filmmaker Oscar Micheaux, recently died at Munroe Regional Medical Center in Ocala, FL.

Van Engle, 87, whose real name was Donessa Dorothy Hollon, was a favorite of Black audiences. Known for her beauty and sophistication on screen, she starred in a number of films during the '30s, including *Swing*, *Murder in Harlem*, *Temptation*, *Girl from Chicago* and *Lying Lips*.

Most of Van Engle's movies were produced by Micheaux, who is among the first Black film producers and directors. Micheaux was behind many of the so-called "race movies" of the time. Unlike major studio films, which limited Black actors to roles as servants or comic buffoons, the race movies provided Black actors with leading roles.

Van Engle left show business around 1940, at the height of her career, to marry the late Herbert Hollon and start a family. She worked for the library system in her longtime home in Port Charlotte, FL, until four years ago. Van Engle had lived in Ocala, located northwest of Orlando, for the past eight months.

She is survived by sons, Herbert H. Hollon and Marc S. Hollon; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Winson Hudson, Mississippi Civil Rights Pioneer, Succumbs

Winson Hudson, a pioneering civil rights activist in Mississippi, recently died at a hospital in Jackson, MS.

One of the unsung heroes of the Civil Rights Movement, Hudson began trying to register to vote in 1937. Each time she would make an attempt, she had to repeatedly write out and explain an extensive passage from the state Constitution. After a more than two-decade struggle, she was finally able to vote in 1962.

Each time she would march up to the courthouse to try to register to vote, she wore a bright red dress to show her contempt for the Ku Klux Klan. Once when a racist registrar demanded that she decipher a constitutional provision, she retorted: "It said what it meant and it meant what it said."

In 1963, she and her sister, Dovie, joined Medgar Evers to establish the Leake County, MS, NAACP. Hudson helped her sister bring the first lawsuit to desegregate schools in a rural Mississippi county in 1964. They won.

Two years ago she published her memoir, *Mississippi Harmony: Memoirs of a Freedom Fighter*.

Survivors include a daughter, a brother and two grandsons.

Died: Myrtle Officer, 81, the mother of East St. Louis Mayor Carl Officer and matriarch of one of the city's most powerful families, after a brief illness in East St. Louis.

MUSIC

▼ **New Home For Jazz At Lincoln Center:** Wynton Marsalis, artistic director of Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York, announces plans for the Center's upcoming season in the organization's new $128 million facility in the Time Warner Center. "The whole space is going to be dedicated to the feeling of swing, which is a feeling of extreme coordination," said Marsalis of the Frederick P. Rose Hall, the 100,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art home for Jazz at Lincoln Center. Slated to open this fall, it will be the first such facility engineered specifically for jazz. It will include the Rose Theater, a 1,231-seat venue, and Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola, a 2,500 square-foot venue named for jazz legend Dizzy Gillespie that overlooks Central Park and the Manhattan skyline. Jazz at Lincoln Center is the world's largest nonprofit arts organization dedicated to jazz.

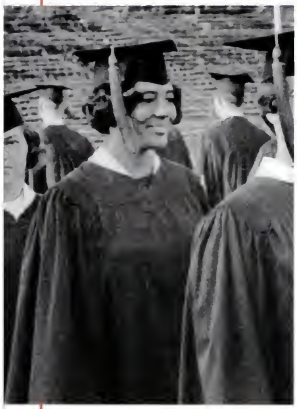


This Week In Black History

May 29, 1973–



▶ **Thomas Bradley**, law enforcement officer, city councilman and lawyer, was elected the first Black mayor of Los Angeles in a non-partisan election on this day. Though the city was only about 18 percent Black at the time, Bradley garnered 56 percent of the vote in defeating incumbent mayor Sam Yorty 431,222 votes to 334,297. Through re-elections Bradley went on to serve an unprecedented five terms. During his 20-year tenure, the city flourished as a financial center and benefited greatly from hosting the 1984 Summer Olympic Games. Bradley was born on December 29, 1917, in Calvert, TX. At the age of 7 his family moved to L.A. He entered the University of California at L.A. in 1937 and majored in education. From there he joined the Los Angeles police department and rose to the rank of lieutenant, the highest rank held by a Black during his 21-year career. In 1963, he became the first Black elected as a city councilman and served in that position for 10 years. Bradley retired from public office in 1993. He died on September 29, 1998, of a heart attack at the age of 80 in Los Angeles.



May 30, 1965–

◀ **Vivian Malone Jones** became the first Black graduate of the University of Alabama on this day. Jones graduated with a bachelor's degree in management. Two years earlier, she, along with James Hood, made civil rights history by successfully enrolling at the University of Alabama despite then-Gov. George Wallace, who stood in the way of the schoolhouse door in an attempt to bar court-ordered desegregation at the university. Most of Jones' working career was spent in the federal government until she retired in 1996 as director of the federal Office of Environmental Justice in the Environmental Protection Agency. Her civil rights-related efforts have earned her numerous awards. In 1995, the University of Alabama celebrated the 30th anniversary of Jones' graduation by establishing the Vivian Malone Jones Scholarship Fund. She currently lives in Atlanta.



► **Pioneering Graduate Returns:** Fannie Ernestine Motley (l), 77, gets a congratulatory hug from Chante Hendrix, associate director of admissions and 1993 graduate, at Spring Hill College in Mobile, AL. Motley, a former teacher, was the first Black student to graduate from Spring Hill College in 1956. The honor student, who later went on to earn her master's degree from Xavier University, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree during Spring Hill's recent commencement ceremony.



◄ **Braille Books For College:** Michelle Johnson listens to music at a local music store in Pine Bluff, AR. Despite permanent blindness since birth, Johnson recently graduated from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) with a degree in sociology and an overall grade point average of 3.5. Johnson, named president of the Honors College at UAPB, plans to begin working on a master's degree and her long-term plans include a trip to Washington, D.C. She wants to make sure that the Braille books she longed for while she was in college become available at the university level for blind students across the nation.



Will Edwards

EDUCATION

■ **Making A Difference For Our Youth:** The 2004 honorees of the 100 Black Men of Chicago, Inc. 7th annual benefit gala held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago proudly display their awards. This year's honorees included (l-r): Stella Foster, columnist, Chicago Sun-Times; Dr. Terry Mason, president, medical and scientific staff/chief of urology, Mercy Hospital and Medical Center; Dr. Millicent L. Knight, owner/optometrist, North Shore Eye Center; Marv Dyson, former president and general manager, WGCI AM and FM and WVAZ V103; Julieanna Richardson, executive director, HistoryMakers; Debra Moore, vice president, global services, SBC; and Audrey Hudson McFarlin, R. Ph., M.H.A., corporate manager, Walgreens. Not shown is honoree Hermene Hartman, publisher, N'Digo. Below, Al Dotson, Esq. (l), vice chairman of operations, 100 Black Men of America, Inc., enjoys the festivities with (l-r) ABC 7 Chicago news anchor-reporter Cheryl Burton, who served as the mistress of ceremonies; Daryl Newell, president of 100 Black Men of Chicago; Ralph Hughes, chairman of the board, 100 Black Men of Chicago; and John S. Kendall, Esq., executive committee member, 100 Black Men of America Board of Directors. Barack Obama, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate from Illinois, made an appearance at the affair. 100 Black Men of Chicago is the premier volunteer youth service organization that mentors inner-city young men and young women throughout the Greater Chicago area.



Will Edwards

HOW TO WIN THE BATTLE OF THE BUMP



Pseudofolliculitis Barbae (pronounced soo-doe-fol-li-cu-li'-tis, commonly known as razor bumps) is the enemy of the epidermis that continually wages war across the faces of 80 percent of African-American men. But with a little knowledge, strategy and patience, it's an enemy regular shavers can defeat.

A Legion Of Lesions

Razor bumps typically affect Black men because of their curly hair. It happens shortly after shaving when newly growing hair–sharpened by a fresh shave–bends over and pierces the skin like a spear. From there it burrows into the skin and creates a foreign body reaction, which puffs out and creates a "bump." If this bump is reduced by improperly piercing or squeezing it can create a keloid, an area of raised pink or fibrous scar tissue at the edges of the bump. And reducing keloids is another matter entirely.

Smoothing The Way

However, there are ways, according to the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology, to decrease the amount of razor bumps you'll get after a close shave.

One 100 percent effective treatment is to grow a beard. If you can totally avoid shaving for 3 to 4 weeks while applying a mild prescription cortisone cream to the involved skin each morning, the lesions will go away.

When the time comes to shave the beard, shave with the grain of the beard and do your best to not stretch the skin. And use only one stroke over each area of the beard.

Another method to avoid razor bumps could involve shaving every other day rather than daily. If you must use a blade, water soften the beard first, then use a lubricating shaving gel or a prescription medicated shaving foam.

Remember: the trick is to avoid irritating the skin, so try not to press the razor hard against the skin when shaving, and avoid multiple repetitions of strokes in the same area.

Try cold-water shaving because it constricts the pores and lessens the chance of new hair immediately causing razor bumps.

Using an electric shaver can also help in the fight against bumps because it does not cut as close as blades do.

IF BUMPS ARE YOUR PROBLEM, THIS IS YOUR RAZOR.





Clinical tests prove that shaving every day actually reduces bumps. That's because daily shaving prevents hairs from getting long enough to turn back into skin and cause bumps. So start shaving every day. And be sure to use MACH3® Turbo. It's not just the closest, it's the world's most comfortable shave, even against the grain.



For more information on bumps go to www.MACH3.com

© 2004 The Gillette Company

Gillette®

The Best a Man Can Get®

KEEP WATER FUN FROM TURNING INTO TRAGEDY THIS SUMMER

Backyard pool parties, afternoons at the beach and picnics at the water park—ahhh, the wet, wonderful joys of summer. But where there's water, there's a risk of water-related injuries. Drowning remains the second-leading cause of injury-related death for children ages 14 and younger, reports the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Also, diving and jumping into shallow or unfamiliar water are causes of serious injury and death in children. So before you send the kids off for a splashing good time, make sure everyone in your home gets a refresher course in water safety:

LEARN TO SWIM. The best way to stay safe in and near the water is to learn how to swim. Make it a family affair. Enroll everyone in a swimming program taught by a certified instructor and sign the kids up for water-safety courses, which encourage safe behavior around water. It's also wise for parents, older children and caretakers to learn CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) and other life-saving techniques. And regardless of age or ability, everyone should always swim with a buddy.

DITCH THE SINK-OR-SWIM METHOD. Throwing children who don't know how to swim into water can traumatize them, or worse, drown them. Respect your children's limits. Only teach them to swim when they are ready.

GEAR UP. Always keep basic life-saving equipment on hand. Public pools, beaches and water parks have emergency equipment, but if you own a backyard pool, invest in a first-aid kit, a reaching pole, a ring buoy with a nylon line attached and a portable phone to call 911. If you're boating, make sure you wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices (a.k.a., life jackets) onboard.

DON'T DRINK AND DIVE. Alcohol use is involved in about 25 to 50 percent of adolescent and adult deaths associated with water recreation, the CDC reports. Never drink before or during swimming, boating or water sports, and teach children and teens the dangers of drinking.

KEEP YOUR EYES ON YOUR PRIZE. It doesn't matter that your son is a great swimmer, that your daughter is wearing water wings or even that the water is shallow. Under no circumstances should children be left unsupervised near water—any standing water. That includes water in pools, hot tubs, streams, lakes, wells, drainage ditches, even bathtubs, buckets and toilets, especially in the case of infants and toddlers. And actively watch your youngsters. Children often can't signal that they're in danger, especially when they're drowning, so you need to stay alert for any warning signs.

When you can't be everywhere, you find people who can.

WATCHERS



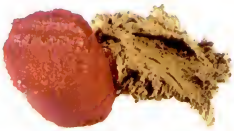
Office of National Drug Control Policy Partnership for a Drug-Free

When it comes to keeping marijuana away from your kids, they're your best allies. They're family, friends and neighbors you know and trust. Make sure they know your kids.
You're more powerful than you know.

Call 1-800-788-2800 for more information or visit theantidrug.com.

COMMUNITY.
THE ANTI-DRUG.


fr



FASHION FAIR® FACE



anticipation • spring 2004

Eyes that *Dare*. Lips that leave him *Breathless*.
Two good to be true colors. Only from Fashion Fair.

chicago • new york • london • paris

©2003 Fashion Fair Cosmetics Another fine product from EBONY and JET www.fashionfair.com





SOCIETY WORLD

▲ **Fairy-Tale Wedding:** Mr. and Mrs. Damon Jackson married at New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Gary, IN. The bride, LaShawntana T. Patterson, is a graduate of Purdue University and Indiana Wesleyan University. She is a pharmaceutical sales rep with Johnson & Johnson. The groom is a graduate of Purdue University. He is a production supervisor with Nishawaka Standard Company. The couple will live in Ft. Wayne, IN.

▲ **My Best Friend:** Araba Gyasiwa Sampson became the wife of Kentara Wesley McKinney at the Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort in Huntington Beach, CA. They are both graduates of the University of California, Irvine. The bride also has a master's in social work from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. The bridegroom is a sales representative for Eli Lilly and Company. They honeymooned in the Bahamas.



◄ **Heaven On Earth:** Jeffrey Christopher Boddie and Tonya Rochelle Williams pledged their eternal love at Villa Christina in Atlanta. The bride is a graduate of Florida A&M University. The groom is a graduate of Cornell University and the Georgia Institute of Technology. The loving twosome met while working in the cosmetics division of Procter & Gamble. After honeymooning in Aruba, they will reside in Baltimore.





SOCIETY WORLD

▲ **Glow Of Love:** Lester McCoy, Jr. united in holy matrimony with Leah A. Frazier at the City of Life Christian Church in St. Louis. A graduate of Baylor University and Webster University, the bride is the events administrator and executive assistant to the bishop at the City of Life Christian Church. The groom, a graduate of the University of Missouri-St. Louis, works for Carrollton Bank. They honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii.

▲ **Tender Moment:** NaGuanda Fronshea Miller tied the knot with Kirk Wesley Nobles during a private ceremony in Austin, TX. The bride, a grad of Florida State Univ., has traveled throughout the U.S. and abroad singing opera and classical music. The groom, who attended Stephen F. Austin State Univ. and Southwest Texas Univ., serves in the U.S. Army Reserve. Montego Bay, Jamaica is where they honeymooned.

► **Blessed Milestone:** Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Avent, Sr. of Gaston, NC, commemorated six decades of marriage with family and friends at Ralph's Restaurant in Weldon, NC. Mrs. Mary Avent retired from the Northampton School System in Food Services in 1990. Her devoted mate of 60 blessed years retired in 1986 from the Federal Paper Company. They are the parents of four, the grandparents of seven and the great-grandparents of ten.





National Underground Railroad
FREEDOM CENTER

The Freedom Center opens on August 23rd

Situated on the bank of the Ohio River in Cincinnati, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center will bring to light the value of freedom for past, present and future generations. The Cincinnati area was chosen because it was a hub of activity on the Underground Railroad, moving thousands on their way to new lives as free people. www.freedomcenter.org www.brandsaver.com



P&G brandSAVER™

Check your Sunday newspaper on June 6th for the special Freedom Center P&G brandSaver and over $41 in coupon savings on your family's favorite brands.

Country Music Hall Of Famer Charley Pride Recovers From Brain Surgery At Dallas Home



Charley Pride

Country singer Charley Pride is expected to make a full recovery following his recent brain surgery.

Pride, 66, whose hits include *All I Have to Offer You (Is Me)* and *Kiss an Angel Good Morning*, was hospitalized for a subdural hematoma, a blood clot that occurs when blood from a torn vessel collects between the brain and the skull.

The singer had sought treatment after he experienced severe headaches, his manager, John Daines, said. Daines added that Pride was alert and awake when he visited him after the surgery.

"He wants to go back to work," Daines told the Associated Press.

Pride's nine-show, 12-day tour of Canada that was scheduled to start mid-May has been rescheduled for August. Pride, a Country Music Hall of Fame member, will take four to six weeks off to recover at his Dallas home.

▼ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, NICK:** Famed singer-songwriter Nick Ashford celebrates his birthday with his wife, singer-songwriter Valerie Simpson, and their daughter, Nicole, at a star-studded bash at the celebrity couple's Sugar Bar restaurant, one of New York City's premiere restaurant/live music venues that showcase local and international talent. Among those helping Ashford celebrate were Maya Angelou, Stephanie Mills, Freddie Jackson, George Faison and singer Alyson Williams.





◀ **NEW BENEFIT CONCERT:** Famed music producer Quincy Jones enjoys a relaxing moment at his home in the Bel Air section of Los Angeles. At JET press time the living legend is in the process of putting together the We are the Future benefit concert to be held in Rome that would raise money for child centers in Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sierra Leone, Afghanistan, Rwanda and the West Bank. The four-hour event, scheduled to air on MTV, was to be held at the ancient Roman chariot track Circus Maximus. Celebrity guests expected to participate include Alicia Keys, Oprah Winfrey and Muhammad Ali. The concert is part of the third annual "Glocalization" conference, which brings together local leaders to discuss international problems.

▼ **WHOOP-EEEE!:** Actress Whoopi Goldberg shows a crowd of fans that she hasn't lost her double-dutch technique at the Tribeca Family Festival in New York. The family festival was part of festivities for the third annual Tribeca Film Festival (TFF) in which Goldberg served as a juror of more than the 200 feature films, documentaries and short films from nearly 40 countries. The TFF has blossomed into a major international event, offering something for everyone, from documentaries and screen dramas to panel discussions, a family festival and even street fairs. The TFF was founded to celebrate New York City as a major filmmaking center and to contribute to the long-term recovery of lower Manhattan after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.





▲ **ROSEWOOD REMEMBERED:** Robie Allenetta Mortin, a survivor of the 1923 racial violence in Rosewood, FL, is comforted by Florida Rep. Ed Jennings, Jr. after Mortin's unveiling of the Rosewood, Florida Historical Marker at a dedication ceremony. Rosewood was once a thriving Black community of homeowners and business owners in the early 1920s. On New Year's Day of 1923, a group of Whites from a nearby town burned Rosewood to the ground and killed several of its residents. The Whites were never charged.

Judge Hatchett Joins Atlanta Falcons Board

TV Judge Glenda A. Hatchett was recently appointed to the Atlanta Falcons board of directors, Falcons owner and CEO Arthur M. Blank announced.

"Glenda will be a strong addition to our board, and we are excited she has agreed to join us," said Blank. "Glenda is a leader in the Atlanta community, she's a realist, and she's an accomplished woman who has achieved her own success by making a difference in other people's lives."



Glenda A. Hatchett

Hatchett, who has won fame for her award-winning, nationally syndicated television series, "Judge Hatchett," which is in its fourth season, reflected Blank's excitement.

"As a native Atlantan, I have been

a Falcons fan and football enthusiast since childhood," she said. "I am looking forward to rolling up my sleeves and getting involved in any way I can add value to the club, its players and staff, and our fans. This is going to be a great experience for me."

Upon her appointment as Chief Presiding Judge of the Fulton County, Georgia Juvenile Court in 1990, Hatchett became Georgia's first Black Chief Presiding Judge of a state court and the department head of one of the largest juvenile court systems in the country. During her eight-year tenure, Judge Hatchett introduced the groundbreaking concept of "interventions," which exposes troubled youth to successful executives and community leaders who inspire these youth to make changes in their lives.

The mother of two boys, Judge Hatchett did her undergraduate work at Mount Holyoke College and received her law degree from Emory University School of Law.

▼ **A Supernatural Star:** Talented teen actress Raven showcases her singing abilities during the filming of her new music video for the song *Supernatural*, featured on the "That's So Raven" TV soundtrack, in Los Angeles. Raven, star of the Disney Channel sitcom, sings four original tracks on the CD, including the show's theme song. She plans to release a solo album this fall.



freedom of choice



FASHION FAIR®

Celebrating 30 Years of Beauty

www.fashionfair.com

Another fine product from EBONY and JET • Chicago • New York • London • Paris ©2004 Fashion Fair Cosmetics



www.fashionfair.com

FASHION FAIR®

Celebrating 30 Years of Beauty

Another fine product from EBONY and JET Chicago ● New York ● London ● Paris. © 2003 Fashion Fair Cosmetics

'Sweet Alice' Harris, Noted South Central Los Angeles Activist-Educator, Gets Surprise Home Makeover



▲ *Noted South Central Los Angeles Community Activist-educator "Sweet Alice" Harris celebrates her new home with (clockwise, l-r) husband Allen Harris, daughter, Alvenia Hatten, grandson, Warrick Hatten, 14, and granddaughter, Ashley Hatten, 5. The Harris home, located in Watts in Los Angeles, was totally remodeled thanks to the ABC show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."*

For more than three decades, Alice Harris has been giving back to the residents of Watts in South Central Los Angeles. Recently, the woman they call "Sweet Alice," the mother of their community, was on the receiving end of a blessing.

Earlier this year Sweet Alice was surprised by the TV show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" when the crew gave her house a facelift after she was flooded out of it due to a hailstorm.

"I didn't believe it until the day they actually came," she tells JET, reflecting on the moment. "I saw the show and thought, 'They wouldn't come out to Watts anyway.' Many people come out to Watts and say they want to do stuff and help, but they don't."

A resident of Watts for more than 10 years, the home Sweet Alice and Allen Harris, her husband of 43 years, had built in 1989 suffered great damage from a hailstorm late last year. The water damage was so great that they had to rid the house of all furniture and carpet. Things were so bad that for two days they had to even sleep in the car.

Frustrated about the aftermath, Sweet Alice called the local media and invited them to see firsthand what the hailstorm did to her property.

"The storm centered in the Watts area," she recalls. "It lasted for two-and-a-half hours. The rain came fast like Noah's Ark with rain, hail and sleet. The sewers were stopped up and the water was halfway up my leg. My

▲ *The dining area includes enough space for her family and many guests. She feeds the less fortunate throughout the year and on special holidays she opens her home for a festive dinner. The kitchen includes two sinks, two stoves and an island.*

house was tore up and soaked up."

Little did Sweet Alice and her family know just how much her life was about to change.

▼ *The living room includes a surveillance camera on a big screen that scans the neighborhood because, as the "mother of the community," Sweet Alice likes to "check out the neighborhood" in her house.*



WANTED!

Ebony Fashion Fair Models

If you're free to travel with the world's largest traveling fashion show, then...

EBONY FASHION FAIR WANTS YOU TO APPLY IMMEDIATELY!

Outstanding female, male and full-figure models are needed for the tour starting August 2004.

TO BE CONSIDERED:

FEMALE MODELS MUST BE:

5'10" or taller without shoes
American dress size 6 to 8
or Full-Figure dress size 18 or 20

MALE MODELS MUST BE:

6'2" to 6'4" without shoes
Suit size 44L to 46L

If you meet these requirements, go to www.ebonyfashionfair.com to download a model application or request one in writing at address below.

Follow application instructions and send application with the required photos listed below:

- **closeup photo of your face**
- **full-length swimsuit photo as follows: two-piece bikini** (women) **one-piece swimsuit** (full-figure) **brief-cut swim trunks** (men)
- **fashionable photo in suit or dress**

Mail to: EBONY FASHION FAIR
820 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVE.
CHICAGO, IL 60605

- Do not send photographs larger than 8x10.
- Name, address and phone number should be written on back of each photo.
- Please note that photographs will not be returned.

EOE

www.ebonyfashionfair.com

NEWSMAKERS

Producers of the ABC TV show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" were watching. They called to do a follow-up on the family.

"We knew her story, and when ABC picked up the show, we reached out for her," says Tom Forman, the show's executive producer. "Sweet Alice is not the kind of person who would nominate herself because she puts others' needs before her own. We asked how things were for her, and they were still living on the concrete floors. They were living that way long after the flood."

The show's crew, led by its team leader-host Ty Pennington, sought to change that when her home–inside and out–was chosen for one of its fabulous home makeovers.

But, the show didn't just stop at Sweet Alice's house.

"We brought in the Sears American Dream Campaign to work on 41 homes in the neighborhood because it felt like the right thing to do," says Forman of the effort that the show had never done before. "We knew this is what Alice would want us to do because she cares more about that community than herself. Mattresses and bedding were given and broken appliances were fixed because we wanted to leave the neighborhood looking beautiful. We installed a computer room in one of the centers and new carpet."

The community basketball court was paved and the walls were painted with picture art.

Since 1983 Sweet Alice has been

Continued on page 48

the week's best photos



TRY THESE ON: Patti LaBelle lets talk show host Ellen DeGeneres try on her high heels as she slips on a pair of high-heeled sneakers during a taping of "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" at the NBC studio in Burbank, CA.

AP / Warner Bros. / Chris Polk



■ **Beyoncé Performs For Prince Charles:** Beyoncé performs during the Prince's Trust Urban Music Festival at Earl's Court in London. The show, which also included a performance by rapper Jay-Z, featured breakdance contests, DJ battles, a chill-out zone and lessons in graffiti writing.

AP/PA, Myung Jung Kim

beauty of the week



JOCELYN FRANCE is a medical technician from Las Vegas. The 5- foot-8 model enjoys swimming, running and playing the flute.

Photo by *LaMonte McLemore*



■ **On The Mend:** Hobbling on crutches, tennis champ Venus Williams was forced to withdraw from the final match of 25th Ladies German Open tennis tournament in Berlin after she twisted her left ankle in the semi-finals.

Herbert Knosowski



■ **Laughs For The Ladies:** Actress/author Jasmine Guy attends the premiere of the animated comedy *Shrek 2* along with (l-r) her mother-in-law, Lorine Patterson, niece, Jashayla Thomas, and her daughter, Imani, at the Westwood Village Theatre in Los Angeles. Guy's recent book, *Afeni Shakur: Evolution of a Revolutionary*, tells the story of the mother of late rapper Tupac Shakur.

Bill Jones



▲ **Blacks Wrongfully Convicted In Boston:** At least 22 innocent Boston men–most of them Black–like Donnell Johnson (l) (shown in March 2000 as he exited Boston Juvenile Court with Rev. Bruce Wall) have served significant prison time after they were investigated by the Boston police and wrongfully convicted on rape or murder charges. Johnson, now 26, was freed after 5 years in prison after prosecutors admitted they made a mistake following a federal probe for the 1994 shooting death of 9-year-old Jermaine Goffigan, according to the Boston Herald and Fox 25 TV. "When police get a suspect, they ignore any suggestion that someone else did it," said Stephen Hrones, Johnson's defense attorney.

Two White Teens Arrested In Grave Desecration Of James Byrd, Jr.

Two White teens were recently charged with desecrating the grave of James Byrd Jr., the Black man who was dragged to his death behind a pickup truck by three White men in Jasper, TX, in 1998.

Joshua Lee Talley, 19, of Jasper and John Matthew Fowler, 18, of Call, TX, were each charged with one criminal mischief charge related to the desecration.

Racial slurs and profanities were etched into a steel plate covering part of the vault of Byrd's grave, and his headstone was knocked over.

Jasper Police Chief Stanley Christopher said he doesn't know what motivated the vandalism.

"Stupidity's all I can come up with," he said.

Criminal mischief at a place of burial is a felony punishable by up to two years behind bars.

A day after authorities discovered the grave desecration, Byrd's mother, Stella Byrd, said: "I just think whoever did it must be very sick to go and do something like that to someone's grave. Whoever did it, they must not have any conscience."

About 8,000 people live in Jasper, which is about 135 miles northeast of Houston.

James Byrd, Jr. was 49 years old when three White men chained him by his ankles and dragged him nearly 3 miles behind a pickup truck (JET, June 29, 1998).

The horrific crime resulted in two death penalties and one life sentence for the convicted killers.

The incident also thrust Byrds' close-knit family into the world spotlight.

Chief Stanley said, "These people have had five years to try and heal over this. And then some jerk comes up and does this and it just opens the wounds all over again."

Stanley added, "The Byrds are good people. They are visibly upset and shaken over this. They will deal with it just like they had to deal with something a lot worse. It is just a shame that someone would do this and not let them have final closure."

► **NEW ST. PAUL POLICE CHIEF:** Senior Cmdr. John Harrington (r) has his new badge pinned on by his ex-wife, officer Shannon Harrington, during a news conference where St. Paul Mayor Randy Kelly (upper left) announced Harrington as the city's next police chief in St. Paul, MN. Harrington, 48, takes over for Chief William Finney, who is retiring in July after 12 years as chief. Harrington, a native of Chicago, is a popular officer inside and outside the department. He joined the force in 1977 and spent his entire 27-year career in law enforcement working his way up the ranks of the St. Paul Police Department. He has held several positions, working in the juvenile unit, the communications center, the training unit and as a street officer in every part of the city. Harrington will become the second Black officer to head the department; Finney became the first in 1992.





▲ *The electric, iron barbeque pit, which cost nearly $40,000, was so large that it had to be placed in the front yard with a crane! Each year on Cinco de Mayo (May 5), Sweet Alice has a huge celebration for the neighborhood.*

Continued from page 40

opening doors, encouraging children to stay in school and stay off the drug-infested streets of South Central through her Parents of Watts (POW) program. She owns eight houses in her block and presides over more than 15 programs that operate on a shoestring budget. She uses her own money most of the time. For the last 18 years she has worked as an educator of skillful parenting for the school district.

Sweet Alice, the mother of nine grown children, had her first at the age of 13. She says that she understands the people in her community.

"I haven't always been good," she chuckles. "I've been just as bad as the rest of them. Some say once bad always bad, but people do change. I changed. I know they can change. They need a helping hand."

Every year she has a big Cinco de Mayo (May 5) celebration where she blocks off the street and feeds some 1,300 people.

This year during the event Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice Hahn honored Sweet Alice and the Parents of Watts.

Sweet Alice is still on cloud nine about her wonderful new home.

"Thank God for 'Extreme Home Makeover,'" she says. "They broke the ice and came down to Watts. I'm grateful the world will see that not all of us are murderers and killers. We are human beings and want to be loved too, and not have people scared of us because of where we're from. We let the world know that we are somebody."

The Botanicals

Fresh, Natural, Gentle



FASHION FAIR

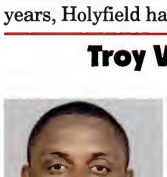
Celebrating 30 Years of Beauty

www.fashionfair.com



▲ **Looking For A Fifth Belt:** Evander Holyfield listens to a question during an interview at his Fairburn, GA, home. The 41-year-old Holyfield is replacing his boxing camp and has signed on with famed promoter Don King. Holyfield (38-7-2), who has been criticized for not retiring, says he can't let concerns of former advisors stand in the way of his dream for a fifth championship belt. In the last two years, Holyfield has fought three times, losing his last two bouts.

Troy Vincent Named New President Of NFL Players Association



Troy Vincent

The National Football League Players Association (NFLPA) Board of Player Representatives recently elected All-Pro cornerback Troy Vincent of the Buffalo Bills as its new president after its annual conference held in Hawaii.

Vincent will serve a two-year term as president, replacing Trace Armstrong of the Oakland Raiders, who served as NFLPA president for the past eight years.

"I am honored to carry on the leadership that Trace has established during his tenure and look forward to working with (executive director) Gene (Upshaw) and the NFLPA staff to continue to preserve the rights of all players.

"I appreciate the confidence the players have shown by electing me as their new president and will continue to work towards improving the benefits for current and former players," said Vincent, a 13-year NFL veteran who has been an active leader with the NFLPA since he was elected as a player representative in 1997.

America's Richest Black Athletes

Sports Illustrated recently ranked the top 50 American athletes by their current total income, and 7 out of the top 10 money-making players are Black. The Fortunate 50 list includes salary (based on sports' current seasons) and winnings coupled with endorsement and appearance fees.



#1 Tiger Woods
Golf
$76,673,413



#2 Shaquille O'Neal
Basketball
L. A. Lakers
$40,517,858



#3 LeBron James
Basketball
Cleveland Cavaliers
$39,018,920



#5 Kevin Garnett
Basketball
Minn. Timberwolves
$36,000,000



#8 Kobe Bryant
Basketball
L.A. Lakers
$25,498,000



#9 Derek Jeter
Baseball
New York Yankees
$25,000,000



#10 Grant Hill
Basketball
Orlando Magic
$24,279,250

Rounding out the Black athletes that ranked in the top 25 are No. 11 **Vince Carter** of the Raptors, $24,000,000; No. 15 **Tracy McGrady** of the Magic, $21,279,500; No. 17 **Allen Iverson** of the 76ers, $20,500,000; No. 19 **Barry Bonds** of the SF Giants, $19,000,000; No. 22 **Anfernee Hardaway** of the Knicks, $17,750,000; No. 23 tennis star **Serena Williams**, $17,504,871; and No. 25 **Rasheed Wallace** of the Pistons, $17,290,000.



▲ *Actresses (l-r) Sanaa Lathan, Phylicia Rashad and Audra McDonald of the highly acclaimed Black Broadway classic* A Raisin in the Sun, *are among those nominated for a 2004 Tony Award.*

Broadway's Black Talent In Running For Tony Awards

This year six of Broadway's best and brightest Black stars let their talent shine in two of 2004's most talked-about plays, earning them nominations for theatre's highest honor–the Tony Award.

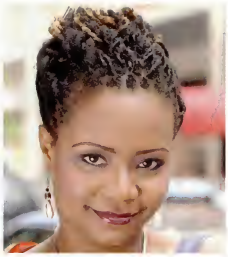
Among those nominated for the coveted Tony are actresses Phylicia Rashad, Audra McDonald and Sanaa Lathan from the family drama *A Raisin in the Sun*, and Tonya Pinkins, Anika Noni Rose and noted director, producer and writer George C. Wolfe from the musical Caroline, or Change.

Lorraine Hansberry's Black Broadway classic *A Raisin in the Sun* was nominated in three categories, giving its entire female cast a nod for their performances.

Phylicia Rashad, television's favorite mom from "The Cosby Show" days, successfully revisited her maternal instinct. Her role as Mama, the matriarch, earned her a nomination for Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Play.

Actresses Audra McDonald, who won a Tony for her performances in *Ragtime*, *Master Class* and *Carousel*, received accolades for her portrayal of Ruth Younger. Her counterpart Sanaa Lathan made her Broadway debut in the play as Beneatha Younger. Each actress received a nomination for Best Performance by a featured Actress in a Play.

Lathan, best known for her staring roles in the movies *Brown Sugar*, *Love & Basketball* and *Disappearing*







▲ *The stars of* Caroline, or Change, *Tonya Pinkins (l) and Anika Noni Rose, earned nominations for their stage performance. Director George C. Wolfe was also nominated for Best Direction of a Musical. In all, the play has been nominated in six categories, including Best Musical.*

Acts, told JET, "I am completely blown away and shocked and thrilled," about being nominated for her first-time Broadway performance.

The much-anticipated play, which originally debuted in 1959, was also nominated for Best Revival of a Play. The drama centers around the Youngers, a poor Chicago family struggling with race, class and a financial windfall that occurs after the death of their father figure.

The critically acclaimed musical *Caroline, or Change*, nominated in six categories, has received more than its fair share of praise, nailing top honors for Best Musical, Best Book of a Musical and Best Original Score. A nomination for Best Direction of a Musical also went to George C. Wolfe, two-time Tony-winner for *Bring in 'da Noise/ Bring in 'da Funk* and *Angels in America: Millennium Approaches*.

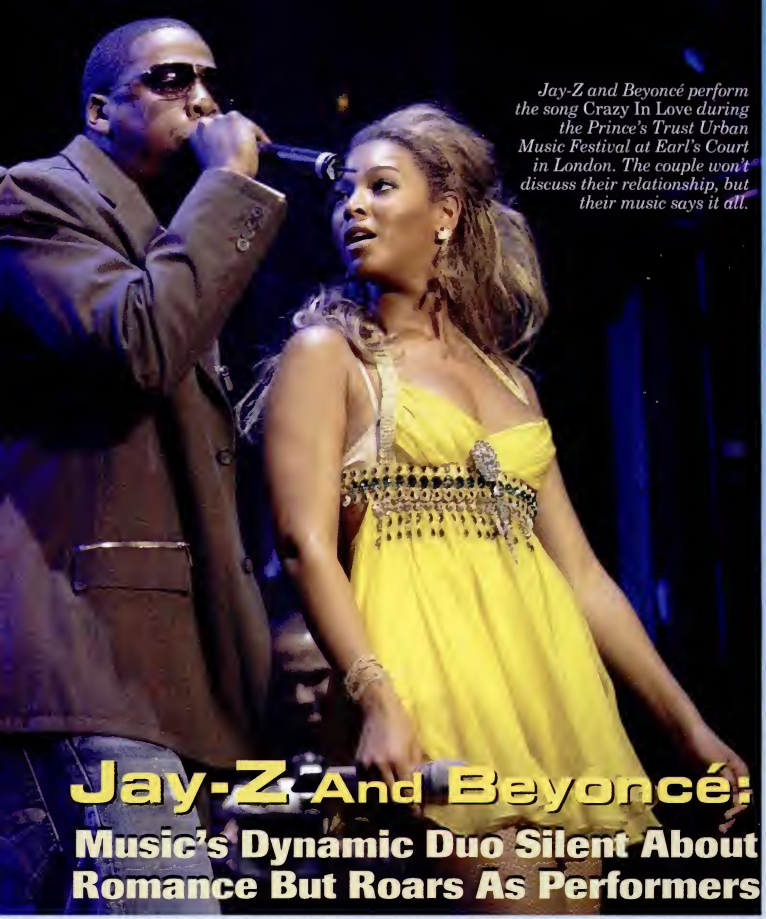
Tonya Pinkins, who plays the main character Caroline Thibodeaux, earned a nomination for Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical.

The actress is no stranger to the stage or to television. In 1992 Pinkins won a Tony for her role in *Jelly's Last Jam*, and when she's not on stage, she plays Livia Frye on the daytime soap opera "All My Children."

Fellow actress Anika Noni Rose, who plays Emmie Thibodeaux, received a first-time nomination in the category of Best Performance by a Featured Actress in a Musical. Rose's other works include the plays *Footloose* and *Eli's Comin'*, along with a TV appearance on the NBC drama "Third Watch."

Caroline, or Change is the story of a Black maid in Louisiana, who in 1963, cares for a Southern Jewish family made up of a father, his new wife and the man's young son, who has a close relationship with Caroline. The play's title has a double meaning, referring to the myriad social changes swirling around the family and a family argument surrounding the spare change perpetually found in the boy's pants pockets.

This year's 58th Annual Tony Awards ceremony, presented by the League of American Theatres and Producers and the American Theatre Wing, is scheduled to broadcast live June 6 on CBS at 8:00 P.M. ET/PT from Radio City Music Hall in New York City.



Jay-Z and Beyoncé perform the song Crazy In Love *during the Prince's Trust Urban Music Festival at Earl's Court in London. The couple won't discuss their relationship, but their music says it all.*

Jay-Z And Beyoncé: Music's Dynamic Duo Silent About Romance But Roars As Performers

On the surface, they might be considered an unlikely pair.

In one corner is Jay-Z, one of Brooklyn's finest. The hustler-turned-rapper who will forever be etched in music history as one of the greatest rappers of all time. In the other corner is Beyoncé, the sweet Southern belle from Texas. She is the undisputed reigning princess of pop and R&B music.

Sometimes silence can be so loud. The twosome have never publicly said one word about their relation-



◀ *Jay-Z raps during his farewell performance at New York's Madison Square Garden. As one of the greatest rappers of all time, Jay-Z has sold more than 17 million albums and headlined the Hard Knock Life Tour, one of the most successful hip-hop tours to date. He announced he would be retiring with the release of* The Black Album.

ship. Still the roar of energy they emanate when they are together is deafening.

For two years they have been a romantic item. He's had her back and she's had his. They've been seen courtside at basketball games in New York, yachting in St. Tropez, partying at Jay-Z's 40/40 Club in Manhattan and performing together for Prince Charles in London.

During this time, they have stood their ground by keeping their personal life private.

Music has been their language of choice when conveying their relationship. Their first collaborative effort was for Jay-Z's *'03 Bonnie & Clyde*, with his dropping lyrics and with her cooing silky vocals.

"Mami's a rida and I'm a rolla/ Put us together/How they gon' stop both us? What ever she lacks, I'm right over her shoulder/When I'm off track mami is keepin' me focused," raps Jay-Z.

That collaboration was followed



Beyoncé delivers a breathtaking performance of Dangerously In Love *during the Grammy Awards ceremony earlier this year. She won five Grammy honors with two for her collaboration with Jay-Z on* Crazy In Love.

with Beyoncé's *Crazy in Love*, where they set airwaves and concert stages ablaze for a second time. They also perform together on her song *That's How You Like It*, featured on her *Dangerously In Love* CD.

London is still talking about their recent performance at Earl's Court in west London during the Prince's Trust Urban Music Festival, a charity event organized by British royal Prince Charles.

Beyoncé was the headliner, but the highlight of the evening was when Jay-Z walked onstage to do his part for *Crazy In Love*. The audience of more than 30,000 strong screamed itself into an excited frenzy.

Later that night the couple celebrated by throwing a lavish party, reportedly costing more than $1 million, at London's The Collection.

Shawn Corey Carter and Beyoncé Giselle Knowles are a power couple when standing together and supreme when standing alone.

Jay-Z is synonymous with rap music. He is one of the best artists in the history of hip hop.

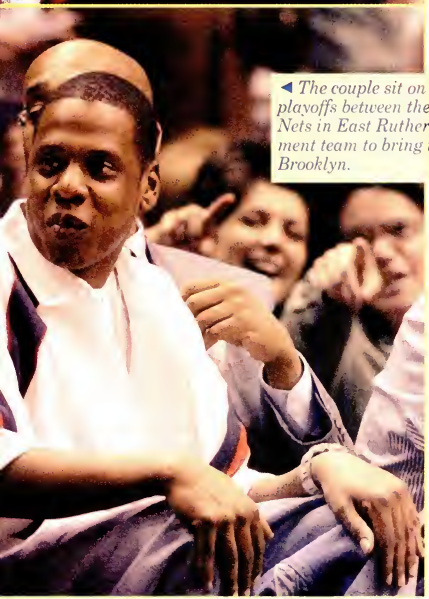
His career dates back to the mid-'80s. His mellow rap flow earned him the name Jazzy. So as not to be confused with DJ Jazzy Jeff, the name was shortened to Jay-Z. Decades later, he has answered to the names Jay, Hova, Hov, Jigga and Jiggaman.

He always hits his fans with hot songs. He has recorded 10 albums and has sold more than 17 million. His biggest songs include *Change Clothes*, *Encore*, *Dirt Off Your Shoulder*, *99 Problems*, *Excuse Me Miss*, *Izzo (H.O.V.A)*, *Girls, Girls, Girls*, *Big Pimpin'*, *Jigga What, Jigga Who*, *Hard Knock Life (The Ghetto Anthem)*, *Ain't No*, *I Just Wanna Love U (Give It To Me)*, *Change The Game* and *Can I Get...*



What some might not know is that his intensity for reading and his early days of hustling laid the groundwork for his rap genius. Reading helped him to absorb everything that he examined and hustling forced him to memorize things without the use of a pen and paper.

In the course of his illustrious recording career, Jay-Z is noted for heading to the studio without having anything written down. He memorizes his verses, holding up to nine in



◀ *The couple sit on the sidelines while watching the NBA playoffs between the Detroit Pistons and the New Jersey Nets in East Rutherford, NJ. Jay-Z is a part of the investment team to bring the Nets to his beloved borough of Brooklyn.*

his head. It is nothing for Hov to hit the studio with three completed rap songs–empty-handed.

He plans to mark his retirement with his current CD, *The Black Album*. He also has penned his memoirs, *The Black Book*.

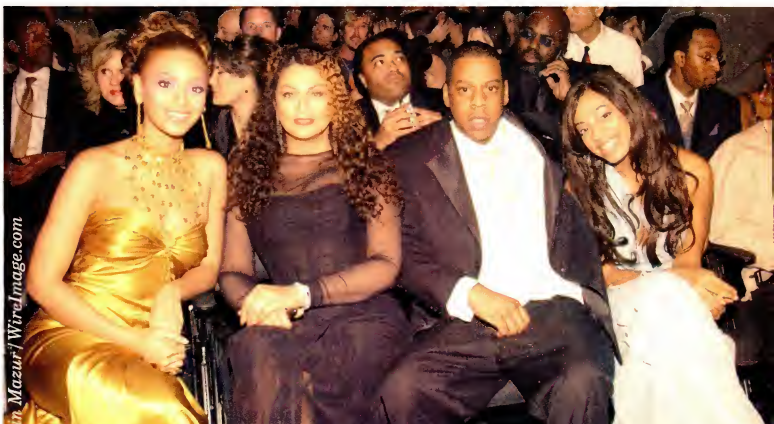
Leaving out on top is his only option. In 2001, Jay-Z boycotted the Grammy Awards ceremony because of the lack of respect that urban music was getting during the show's telecast, but he still won two of music's highest honors. His 1999 *Hard Knock Life* tour earned $18 million and was the most successful hip-hop tour to date, selling out in 52 cities with no incidents of violence. For his farewell performances, he co-headlined last summer's hottest tour, Rock The Mic, with 50 Cent.

If you aren't listening to his music, you are undoubtedly moving to the beats of an artist on his Roc-A-Fella Records label like Kanye West, Young Gunz, Memphis Bleek, or State Property, to name a few. Twista recently was added to the Roc.

Music hasn't been the only thing to solidify the Jiggaman as a serious businessman. His Rocawear clothing line, established in 1999, is among the most established celebrity-owned fashion companies in the world. Last year he made history as the first non-athlete to have a signature shoe by Reebok, the S. Carter Collection. It was the fastest-selling, highest-grossing tennis shoe through the company. Another shoe is already in the works.

His business ventures have expanded into other areas as well. Roc-A-Fella Films released the projects *Streets Is Watching*, *Backstage* and *State Property*. Last year he opened an upscale sports bar in downtown Manhattan called the 40/40 Club. He also has a premium two-grain, triple-distilled Scottish vodka, Armadale.

Possibly one of his biggest ventures to date is when he joined the investment team that laid out $300 million to bring the NBA's New Jersey Nets to his beloved Brooklyn. The borough has not had a major professional



▲ *The couple relax at the Grammy Awards ceremony with Beyoncé's mother, fashion stylist Tina Knowles (2nd, l), and her sister, singer-actress Solange. Beyoncé recently announced that she would be starting her own clothing line.*

sports team since the Dodgers left for the West Coast in 1957.

Beyoncé is a survivor with more than just a pretty face and hourglass figure.

A founding member of Destiny's Child, one of the biggest-selling female acts of all time, Beyoncé was the group's lead singer and wrote most of its top hits like *Survivor*, *Say My Name*, *Bootylicious* and *Independent Women*. The group has sold more than 33 million records worldwide.

In 2001 she won the ASCAP Pop Songwriter of the Year Award, making her the first Black woman and the second woman to ever receive the honor.

She survived some of Destiny's Child's darkest moments, the constant change of group members, and accusations that she was the "diva" behind the dissension. But, B came out on top.

Her solo career came at a time when some argued that R&B was starting to take a backseat to hip hop. In addition to R. Kelly, Beyoncé, also a gifted producer, is credited with bringing R&B back to the forefront.

Dangerously In Love, her debut solo CD, has gone triple platinum. Hits from the project include *Crazy In Love*, *Baby Boy*, *Me, Myself and I* and *Naughty Girl*. The album earned her five Grammy wins. Two were for *Crazy In Love*, two were for *Dangerously In Love* and another was for her duet with soul legend Luther Vandross for their remake of *The Closer I Get To You*.

A DVD, *Beyoncé: Live At Wembley*, was just released. It was recorded last year during her first international tour and features behind-the-scenes footage and a bonus CD with three new songs, including a remake of the Rose Royce classic *Wishing On A Star*.

She recently headlined and wrapped up the Ladies First Tour with Alicia Keys, Missy Elliott and Tamia.

And people can't seem to forget her opening performance with Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Prince when they did a medley of his classics at the Grammy Awards ceremony this year. Ironically, in the Jay-Z collaboration *'03 Bonnie & Clyde*, she recites lyrics from Prince's 1987 song *If I Was Your Girlfriend*.

She has come into her own as an actress as well. She made her acting debut in the 2001 MTV movie *Carmen: A Hip Hopera* and made her silver screen debut in 2002's *Austin Powers in Goldmember*. Last year she starred opposite Oscar winner Cuba Gooding Jr. in *The Fighting Temptations*.

Currently, she's working on the film *Pink Panther*, a prequel to the 1963 Peter Sellers classic. As the female lead, she will portray Xania, thief of the gem.

Music's dynamic duo may be quiet about their romance, but when Bonnie and Clyde do their thing as a couple or as solo artists, it is evident that Hov and B are unstoppable. Oh, and dangerously, crazy in love.

–Margena A. Christian

JET

Calendar Model Search

Handsome Brothas & Sexy Sistahs

JET Magazine is looking for the FINE, the FIT and the FABULOUS. Sistahs who make a swimsuit talk and grown men cry may have the opportunity to be featured in the second annual

2005 JET Beauty Calendar

Brothas with the looks and bodies that make women weak may be featured in the second annual

2005 JET Brothers Calendar

If you are between the ages of 18 and 35 and have the looks and body that make people stop and stare, we want you!

Send:

A brief bio

Contact information (address, telephone, e-mail)

Full-length swimsuit/trunk photo (Photos must be recent)

Head shot

Mail to:

Jet Beauty/Hunk Calendars
820 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60605
Attn: Promotions Department

Do not send photographs larger than 8x10.

Name, address and phone number should be written on back of each photo.

Please note that photographs will *not* be returned.

You must be 18 or older to enter.

Chosen models will be contacted. **No phone calls please.**

Entries must be postmarked no later than **May 17, 2004.**

www.jetmag.com



George Walker

◄ *Activist Alvin Sykes, president of the Emmett Till Justice Campaign, helped get Till case reopened.*

► *Emmett Till's cousin, Simeon Wright, was the last relative to see Till alive. He's pleased that the case has been reopened.*



Continued from page 10

two men had accomplices who may still be alive, Attorney Acosta said.

Documentary filmmaker Keith A. Beauchamp found evidence after he examined the case for nine years for *The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till*. He believes as many as seven additional people may have been involved, many of them still alive. The documentary has not been formally released. But is a 90-minute work-in-progress that has been shown to audiences who included the United Nations and the National Press Club.

Beauchamp said he gave District Attorney Joyce Chiles of Mississippi and U.S. Attorney Jim Greenlee of Mississippi's northern district a viewing in February in an effort to get the case reopened.

Chiles said she doesn't know how many possible witnesses to the murder are still alive. "That number would probably best come from Keith Beauchamp, who has invested a lot of his own hours. The only thing we're doing is following up on the statements of people who he has already located."

Another filmmaker, Stanley Nelson, producer of the PBS-TV documentary, *The Murder of Emmett Till,* said that several witnesses with whom he spoke indicated that others were involved. Most of those witnesses, Nelson said, were not contacted by authorities at the time.

The Justice Department will work with Mississippi law enforcement officials to investigate whether any prosecutions remain possible under Mississippi state law. Due to the five-year statute of limitations in effect at the time on federal offenses, any possible new changes would have to be brought by the state of Mississippi.

National Urban League President Marc Morial praised the Justice Department's action. "It certainly is a good move. It was clear that it was a miscarriage of justice. They were acquitted in the racially charged environment of the time. We have to continue to monitor the case. We have to keep an eye on it. I certainly

would applaud the Justice Department and those involved in reopening the case, especially the young man who did that documentary. He went down and got people to talk and participate who had been afraid to talk for years. We owe him a lot for providing a body of evidence."

TV and radio talk show personality Tavis Smiley has featured the recent development in the Till case on both his PBS TV talk show, "Tavis Smiley," and his weekly radio program, "The Tavis Smiley Show from NPR."



▲ *People lined up to attend the historic trial at the Sumner, MS, courthouse. The case sparked the Civil Rights Movement.*

Smiley told JET: "I think that the time is always ripe to do right. What's done in the dark will eventually come to the light.

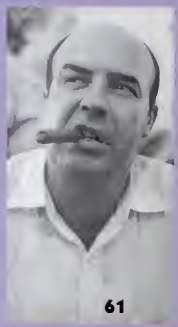
"I am glad to hear that people are talking again about the murder of Emmett Till. It reminds us that the statute of limitations on Black pain and suffering never runs out."

Alvin Sykes, president of the Emmett Till Justice Campaign, Inc., headquartered in Kansas City, MO, also pushed for the case to be reopened. "The sun of justice is shining bright. What it does is underscores the importance of having open communication between the government and the community. This is the last best chance to find truth and obtain justice for Emmett Till."

Emmett Till's cousin, Simeon Wright, 61, is the last relative who saw Till alive. He was in the bedroom with Till that night when the two men burst into the family house in Money, MS, and kidnapped Till.

"The noise woke me up. I looked up and





▲ *Roy Bryant, and his wife Carolyn (above) appear at trial, along with half-brother J.W. Milam. Carolyn claimed Till whistled at her. The all-White jury deliberated only one hour before acquitting the men. Both men are now deceased. Carolyn Bryant has remarried and lives near Jackson, MS.*



▲ *Mrs. Till-Mobley worked diligently her entire life to get the murder case of her son reopened. She died last year before the Justice Department announced that it would investigate the case.*

saw Bryant and I recognized him. I saw J.W. Milam, but I didn't know who he was. He's the one who had a gun in his hand and he ordered me to lie back down. And he made Emmett get up and put his clothes on."

Wright said he is pleased that the case is reopened. "I feel great. People said it could not be done." He said Till's mother would be rejoicing if she were alive to hear the news. "She wouldn't be able to contain herself. She worked so hard for the case to be investigated."

Another Till relative, Elder Wheeler Parker, 65, of the Argo Temple Church of God in Christ in Summit-Argo, IL, said he too, is pleased with the Justice Department's action. "I am happy. I wouldn't have expected it to come this way—that Mississippi would agree to lead the investigation. Things have progressed more than we thought."

He and other members of the Till family continue to work with the Emmett Till Foundation for children in Chicago, a group founded by Mrs. Till-Mobley.

"We are very strong. We don't believe in holding any animosity. We believe in taking a negative and making it a positive, like Emmett's mother did. We are glad that we might find closure, some answers to questions that need to be asked."

JET top20 ALBUMS



USHER ■



MARIO WINANS ■

1. **CONFESSIONS**
Usher (LaFace)
2. **HURT NO MORE**
Mario Winans (Bad Boy)
3. **D12 WORLD**
D12 (Shady/Interscope)
4. **MUSICOLOGY**
Prince (NPG/Columbia)
5. **THE COLLEGE DROPOUT**
Kanye West (Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam)
6. **U GOTTA FEEL ME**
Lil' Flip (Sucka Free/Columbia)
7. **DAMITA JO**
Janet Jackson (Virgin)
8. **THE DIARY OF ALICIA KEYS**
Alicia Keys (J)
9. **LIVING LEGENDS**
Eight Ball/MJG (Bad Boy)
10. **DANGEROUSLY IN LOVE**
Beyoncé (Columbia)
11. **STILL WRITING IN MY DIARY**
Petey Pablo (Jive)
12. **R IN R&B**
R. Kelly (Jive)
13. **DANCE WITH MY FATHER**
Luther Vandross (J)
14. **TIMELESS JOURNEY**
Patti LaBelle (Def Soul)
15. **DIZ WORLD**
Diz (Interscope)
16. **LET'S TALK ABOUT IT**
Carl Thomas (Bad Boy)
17. **HOOP HOP**
J-Kwon (So So Def)
18. **GOOD SIDE BAD SIDE**
Master P (New No Limit)
19. **MORE**
Tamia (Elektra)
20. **THE PRETTY TONEY ALBUM**
Ghostface (Def Jam)

Singer Kelly Rowland And NFL Pro-Bowler Roy Williams To Marry


Kelly Rowland


Roy Williams

Singer Kelly Rowland of Destiny's Child and Dallas Cowboys safety Roy Williams are planning to get married, her music label, Columbia Records, announced. At JET press time, Rowland said she and her fiancé have not set a date for the wedding.

Williams proposed in New York in a room filled with friends, including fellow Destiny's Child singer Beyoncé Knowles. The couple, both 23, has been together about six months.

The lovebirds will be planning a wedding around their already busy careers. Rowland, who won a Grammy last year for collaborating with Nelly on the hit *Dilemma* and released a solo album, *Simply Deep*, in 2002, will be headed back to the studio in June to record a new Destiny's Child album with members Beyoncé and Michelle Williams.

Cowboys star Williams is going into his third season and working hard to accomplish another Pro-Bowl year. Last season he had 72 tackles, including 55 solo tackles, two sacks and two interceptions.

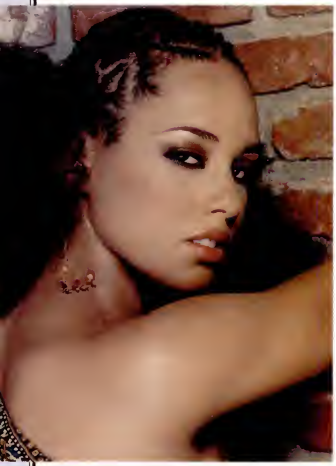
▼ **HIT PLAY:** Famed actor Todd Bridges, who is starring in the new hit gospel musical *Ain't No Sunshine When He's Home*, is congratulated by the play's writer-director-co-star Clyde R. Jones after a recent performance at the Biloxi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi, MS. The play, produced by Jones and Chris Davis, also stars veteran singer Cuba Gooding, Sr. of the Main Ingredient fame and father of actors Cuba Gooding, Jr. and Omar Gooding, R&B recording artist Sean Levert, singer-actresses Pamela Ellis and Troi Bechet, gospel singer Paulette Wright-Davis and actor John Marshall Jones. *Ain't No Sunshine When He's Home* is touring the U.S. and focuses on domestic violence in a Black family.


Rose Gore

JET top20 SINGLES



USHER ■



ALICIA KEYS ■

1. **BURN**
Usher (LaFace)

2. **IF I AIN'T GOT YOU**
Alicia Keys (J)

3. **YEAH!**
Usher Featuring Lil' Jon & Ludacris (LaFace)

4. **I DON'T WANNA KNOW**
Mario Winans Featuring Enya & P. Diddy (Bad Boy)

5. **ALL FALL DOWN**
Kanye West Featuring Syleena Johnson (Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam)

6. **NAUGHTY GIRL**
Beyoncé (Columbia)

7. **TIPSY**
J-Kwon (So So Def)

8. **FREEK-A-LEEK**
Petey Pablo (Jive)

9. **GAME OVER**
Lil' Flip (Sucka Free/Columbia)

10. **DON'T TAKE YOUR LOVE AWAY**
Avant (Magic Johnson/Geffen)

11. **HAPPY PEOPLE**
R. Kelly (Jive)

12. **DIRT OFF YOUR SHOULDER**
Jay-Z (Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam)

13. **ROSES**
OutKast (LaFace)

14. **SORRY 2004**
Ruben Studdard (J)

15. **SLOW MOTION**
Juvenile Featuring Soulja Slim (Cash Money)

16. **WANNA GET TO KNOW YOU**
G-Unit Featuring Joe (G-Unit)

17. **DUDE**
Beanie Man Featuring Ms. Thing (Shocking Vibs/Virgin)

18. **OVERNIGHT CELEBRITY**
Twista (Atlantic)

19. **TIMELESS**
Patti LaBelle (Def Soul)

20. **JESUS WALKS**
Kanye West (Roc-A-Fella)

television



'Ali'

Will Smith portrays boxing legend Muhammad Ali in a movie that details a 10-year period of Ali's early career, including his famous fight with Sonny Liston, played by **Michael Bentt** in *Ali,* (Saturday, May 29 at 8 p.m., ET) on CBS. Others scheduled to appear this week include:

Donald Faison on "Scrubs," (Thursday, May 27 at 9:20 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Marianne Jean Baptiste on "Without A Trace," (Thursday, May 27 at 10 p.m., ET) on CBS.

David Alan Grier on "Life With Bonnie," (Friday, May 28 at 9:30 p.m., ET) on ABC.

CCH Pounder in *Face/Off*, (Saturday, May 29 at 8 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Courtney B. Vance on "Law & Order: Criminal Intent," (Sunday, May 30 at 9 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Khandi Alexander on "CSI: Miami," (Monday, May 31 at 10 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Sherri Shepherd on "Less Than Perfect, (Tuesday, June 1 at 9:30 p.m., ET) on ABC.

Richard T. Jones on "Judging Amy," (Tuesday, June 1 at 10 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Damon Wayans/Tisha Campbell Martin/Jennifer Nicole Freeman/George O. Gore II/Parker McKenna Posey on "My Wife and Kids," (Wednesday, June 2 at 8 p.m., ET) on ABC.



YOU TAUGHT HIM ABOUT RESPECT, HONOR AND COURAGE. IS IT ANY SURPRISE THAT NOW HE WANTS TO USE THEM?

He'll experience the most challenging training, use the latest technology and get the strongest support. Every drill and every mission will reinforce in him that character always leads to success. Encourage him to consider becoming a Soldier – AN ARMY OF ONE.®

GOARMY.COM

U.S.ARMY

AN ARMY OF ONE®

©2008. Paid for by the United States Army. All rights reserved.



tahoe AUTHENTIC FULL-SIZE SUV CAPABILITY | ROOM FOR UP TO 9 | AVAILABLE Z71® OFF-ROAD SUSPENSION AND 295-HP VORTEC™ V8 | AVAILABLE ONSTAR® XM SATELLITE RADIO* AND DVD PLAYER | BEST-SELLING FULL-SIZE SUV THREE YEARS IN A ROW**

*See your Dealer Sales Consultant for complete details. Limited-time offer. Call 1-866-4CHEVY1 or visit 4chevy.com for more information and details. Offer available only in the 48 contiguous states. Service may not be available in all areas. Requires a compatible phone and separate subscription to XM Satellite Radio Service. Visit xmradio.com or call 1-800-967-2346 for more information. XM, XM Radio and all related marks and logos are trademarks of XM Satellite Radio Inc. ©2004 GM Corp. ONSTAR and the ONSTAR Call Light are registered service marks of OnStar Corporation in the U.S. and other countries. ©2004 GM Corp. Chevrolet Tahoe, Silverado, Suburban, Avalanche, Z71 and Vortec are registered trademarks of GM Corp. Chevrolet Corvette, Impala, Monte Carlo, Malibu, Trailblazer, Colorado and Cobalt are trademarks of GM Corp. Bowtie is a registered trademark of GM Corp.